



Administrative Office of the Courts

100 Millcreek Park
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-9230
p 502-573-2350 or 800-928-2350
www.kycourts.net

Joseph E. Lambert
Chief Justice

Melinda L. Wheeler
Director

For Immediate Release

Contact: Leigh Anne Hiatt, APR, public information officer, 502-573-2350, x 4064
cell 502-545-2839, lhiatt@kycourts.net

Local students to showcase work May 12 at 2005 School Violence Prevention Demonstration Program **Public invited to view Project Citizen portfolios created by Pike County students**

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 5, 2005 — Students from Pike County schools will gather Thursday, May 12, to display their work in the “We the People ... Project Citizen Showcase.” The event is expected to attract more than 200 students, local educators and community leaders. The showcase will begin at 6 p.m. at the Landmark Inn, 190 S. Mayo Trail, Pikeville. **The public is invited to attend the free event**, which is sponsored by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) in Frankfort.

“We the People ... Project Citizen” is a civic education program for middle schools that encourages students to become involved in their state and local governments. Students work together on a class project to identify and study a public policy issue and then develop an action plan to implement their policy. The final product is a portfolio displaying each group’s work.

“Project Citizen” is one of several programs offered through the Center for Civic Education that emphasize respect and responsibility for justice, authority and the law. The result is a School Violence Prevention Demonstration Program that uses civic education as a tool to combat school violence. The AOC’s Department of Juvenile Services has worked in partnership with the Center since the late 1980s to offer training in Center materials, technical assistance and follow-up to teachers throughout the commonwealth. This collaboration has benefited thousands of Kentucky students.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is the administrative arm of the Kentucky Court of Justice and supports the activities of more than 3,400 court system employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks. The AOC also executes the Judicial Branch budget.

For more information, contact Rachel Bingham at 1-800-928-2350 or rbingham@kycourts.net.

###